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No 'Indications' of a Crime

Body of Missing D. C. Scientist Found



DR. RICHARD FOLLIS

AMSTERDAM, Jan 5 (UPI) — The body of a Washington biochemist, who disappeared mysteriously Dec. 5, was found floating in a canal yesterday, police reported. An official announcement said Prof. Richard M. Follis Jr., 56, appeared to have drowned. There had been widespread speculation in the European press that Dr. Follis, a nutrition expert with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, also was involved with the CIA.

The State Department and Dr. Follis' wife, who lives at 4915 Albermarle-st nw, have denied he had any connection with the intelligence agency. Dr. Follis' disappearance led Amsterdam police to speculate that he might have met with foul play. They said at the time that if he'd fallen in a canal his body would have risen to the surface in a matter of hours.

But a police spokesman said today that "at this stage we have no indications he was a victim of any crime. It seems he drowned after he fell that night into the dark canal which borders the Thorbeckeplein where he was seen for the last time at 3 p. m. that Sunday."

The canal is one of many in downtown Amsterdam near the tourist center of the city. Police in Amsterdam said Dr. Follis' keys and passport were in his pocket, but gave no indication if there was anything else.

Mr. Follis had gone to Amsterdam on his way to Iran for a world health conference. He was a top research scientist

for the Veterans Administration work for the Armed Forces and was on detached duty to Institute.